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REMARKS

Claim 21 is believed not anticipated by Roy or rendered obvious by Roy in view of Into. The cited references do not disclose:

a coupling body with a threaded hole and receivable within the aperture of the buttstock body;
retaining arm with one end pivotably connected to the coupling body and another end receivable in a recess in the elongated rib of the receiver extension;
a butt plate with an opening aligned with the threaded hole of the coupling body; and
a fastener receivable within the opening and the threaded hole to hold the butt plate against the buttstock body to pull the coupling body toward the butt plate.

None of the features recited above are found in either of the cited references.

In view of the above, it is asserted that claim 21 and claims dependent therefrom are patentable over the cited references and are asserted to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of rejection is respectfully requested and an early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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It is believed that no fee is due; however, should that be incorrect, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2105 and inform the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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